Centrally Sponsored Tourism Projects in M.P.

4700. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes/tourism projects for Madhya Pradesh earmarked for the next three years;

(b) the progress being made in each project/scheme so far; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to project Madhya Pradesh through Government of India tourist offices and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Central financial assistance is extended every year (April-March) for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. Prioritisation of Projects for Central Financial assistance is done once a year for that year.

(c) Government of India Tourist Offices abroad run promotional campaigns to project India as an attractive tourist destination and provide information on tourist places in the country to prospective visitors.

Procurement of Hindi Typewriters

†4701. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such Ministries/Departments under his Ministry which are not having a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriters so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that targets set in annual programme of Hindi by Rajbhasha Prabhag in respect of purchase of Hindi typewriters are properly complied with?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry and

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the Subordinate Offices have Hindi Typewriters and some offices have Electronics Typewriters which have a Bilingual Key Board.

Hindi Training Programme

†4702. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typists and stenographers under his Ministry/Department and subordinate offices who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Mostly old recruited Typists and Stenographers are trained in Hindi.

It is planned to train non-Hindi knowing Steno-Typists who have been recently recruited, in a phased manner.

Tourism Projects in NE Region

4703. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the list of tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned, State-wise, in the NER indicating allocated amount, amount released, utilised and progress made;

(b) the names of tourist spots of NE listed in the Government of India's tourism network; and

(c) the specific plan taken up to focus tourism potentiality of the NE at national and international level, including those of Majuli Island?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) A statement showing number of infrastructure projects sanctioned, in the North East Region during 1999-2000 is given in the enclosed

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